

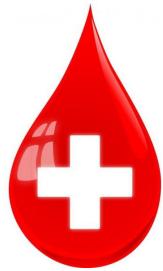
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BLOOD DRIVE



**Today, December 9, 2018
7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
in the Knights of Columbus Hall.**



**Join us at 6:30 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 15th for a
Rorate Mass**

*A special candle-lit Mass in the
Latin Extraordinary Form,
invoking Our Lady in Advent*

Come early and hear a
beautiful prelude!

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On the cover:

Mola, Pier Francesco.
John the Baptist preaching.
17th century, oil on canvas.
Prado National Museum, Madrid, Spain.

MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS MISA ENTRE SEMANA

Monday—Friday
6:45 a.m., 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday
5:30 p.m.

Miércoles
7:00 p.m. (español)

Friday (Extraordinary Form)
5:30 p.m.

CONFESION • CONFESIONES

Saturday • Sábado
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Sunday • Domingo
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Weekdays • Entre Semana
Monday-Friday: after each Morning Mass
Tuesday & Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
Miércoles a las 6:00 p.m. (español)

WEEKEND MASSES MISAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA

SATURDAY • SÁBADO

8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (anticipatory Sunday Mass)

SUNDAY • DOMINGO

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. (español),
10:00 a.m., Noon,
2:00 p.m. (español),
5:00 p.m.

No Evening Mass or Confessions this Thursday, the 13th

(yearly Advent gathering of all priests with the Bishop)

Pope Francis: Advent is a time for purifying the faith

At the daily Mass at the Casa Santa Marta, Pope Francis describes Advent as a good opportunity to understand more fully the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, and to cultivate a personal relationship with the Son of God.



by Vatican News

The time of Advent has three dimensions: the past, the future, and the present. In his homily, Pope Francis recalled that Advent, which began on Sunday, is a good time “for purifying the spirit, for making the faith grow with this purification.” The Pope was reflecting on the day’s Gospel reading (Mt 8:5-11), which recounts the meeting at Capernaum between Jesus and the centurion who asked him to heal his servant. Even today, he explained, it can happen that faith can become a habit for us; we can get used to it, forgetting its “liveliness.” When the faith becomes a habit, he said, “we lose that strength of the faith, that newness of the faith that is always renewed.”

Christmas must not become worldly

Pope Francis emphasized that the first dimension of Advent is the past, “the purification of memory”: We have to remember that Christmas is not about the birth of a Christmas tree, but about the birth of Jesus Christ: The Lord is born, the Redeemer who has come to save us. Yes, it is a celebration, [but] we always face the danger, we will always have within us the temptation to make Christmas mundane, worldly. When the celebration stops being about contemplation—a beautiful family celebration with Jesus at the center—it begins to be a worldly celebration: all about shopping, presents, this and that... and the Lord remains there, forgotten. Even in our own life: yes, He is born, at Bethlehem, but [then what?] Advent is [a time] for purifying the memory of [that] dimension.

Purifying hope

The Pope continued, saying Advent also serves to “purify hope,” preparing us “for the definitive encounter with the Lord”: Because the Lord who came then will return! He will return! He will return to ask us: “How did your life go?” It will be a personal encounter. We have a personal encounter with the Lord, today, in the Eucharist; we cannot have such a personal with the Christmas of 2000 years ago: we have the memorial of that. But when He will return, we will have that personal encounter. It is purifying hope.

The Lord knocks at our heart

Finally, Pope Francis invited everyone to cultivate the daily dimension of the faith, despite so many cares and worries, taking “custody” of our own “interior home.” Our God, in fact, is the “God of surprises,” and Christians must constantly discern what the heavenly Father is saying to us today: The third dimension is more daily: purifying our watchfulness. Vigilance and prayer are two words for Advent: Because historically the Lord came in Bethlehem; and He will come, at the end of the world and also at the end of our individual lives. But every day, every moment, He comes into our hearts, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Donation of Altar Arrangement
December 9, 2018

In memory of
Curtis Osborne



In remembrance of a loved one, a donation toward an Altar arrangement is a lovely gesture.

Please call the parish office for more details: 281-494-1156

VESPERS & VINO



Young Adults: you’re invited to our next *Vespers & Vino*, starting 6:30 pm in the chapel this coming Friday, December 14. We’ll pray, then have some good wine and share a nice meal.

Feel free to bring a favorite bottle to share.

INSCRIPCIÓN EN LA PARROQUIA: Pase a la oficina parroquial de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes o puede tomar una forma en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y entregársela a un ujier.

GUARDERÍA: La guardería esta abierta durante la misa de 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. y 12:00 p.m. No necesita hacer reservación.

FORMACIÓN PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS

PREPARACIÓN DE BAUTISMO INFANTIL:

A los padres se les pide que inscriban a su hijo (a) para el bautismo. Deben traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño a la oficina de la parroquia, y asistir a una clase pre-bautismal. Los Papas y los padrinos deben asistir a la clase. Los padrinos deben de ser mayores de dieciséis (16) años, católicos practicantes, tener sus sacramentos iniciales de bautizo, comunión y confirmación y si están casados, deben de estar casados por la iglesia católica.

Las clases se ofrecen el Segundo domingo de cada otro mes a las 3:15 p.m. en el Centro de Vida Familiar. A los padres se les pide de favor que no lleven a sus hijos a la clase. Se les dará Certificado de asistencia al final de la clase aquellos padres o padrinos que no bautizaran en Santa Teresa. Por favor llame a la oficina para inscribirse a la clase al 281-494-1156. **La próxima clase es el 13 de Enero a las 3:15 p.m.**

PREPARACIÓN PARA EL MATRIMONIO EN ESPAÑOL: Las personas que deseen contraer matrimonio aquí en la Iglesia de Santa Teresa son invitados a asistir una entrevista de preparación matrimonial. Esto es obligatorio para comenzar el proceso de preparación. Es para las parejas que no están casados y para las parejas que están casadas civilmente o que viven juntos. Por favor pre inscríbase llamando al 281-494-1156. El seminario se ofrece cada otro mes, el segundo jueves. **El próximo seminario es el Jueves 10 de Enero del 2018** en el Salón FLC-A.

CATEQUESIS: Nuestro Catecismo en español se ofrece de Septiembre a Mayo, los domingos de 9:30 a 11:00 a.m. para grados de Kinder al 8 grado. Catequesis es un proceso continuo de evangelización, educación, formación y conversión que dura toda la vida. Para mas información por favor llame a la oficina de Catequesis de lunes a viernes al 281-494-1156 de 8:00 a.m. a 4:30 p.m.

Domingo de Sacramentos: Para los niños que desean la formación para los Sacramentos de Primera Reconciliación (confesión) y la Sagrada Comunión. Esta clase es en conjunto con su catequesis. Los niños deben tener mínimo siete (7) años al comienzo del año escolar. Las clases son un domingo al mes a la 1:00 p.m.

CATÓLICO BÁSICO: Católico Básico es para padres de los niños que asisten a catequesis por primera vez y desean que sus hijos se preparen para la formación de los Sacramentos de Reconciliación {Confesión} y La Primera Comunión. Esta clase es una vez al mes {en martes} a las 7:00 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de la Parroquia. Esta clase es obligatoria para los padres solamente.

GRUPOS DE ORACIÓN Y APOSTOLADO

APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ: El grupo se reúne los martes a las 7:00 p.m., en el edificio de CCE. Para mayor Información por favor llame a Myrla Vanegas al 281-277-2730.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN DIOS CON NOSOTROS: Se reúne en la capilla de la iglesia los Jueves de 7:00-9:00 P.M. Para mas información llamar a Rocio Padilla 832-573-3713 y Ana Perez 281-948-3349.

CORO FRATERNIDAD DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA: El coro práctica los lunes a las 7:00 p.m. y cantan en la misa del domingo a las 8:00 a.m. o 2:00 p.m. Para mas información llame a Susan al 281-494-1156 ext 291

ESTUDIO BÍBLICO: El Grupo se reúne los domingos después de Misa de 8:00 a.m. (los meses de Agosto a Mayo). Para mas información llame a el Sr. Larry Ponce de León, 281-250-9651

DEVOCIÓN AL SAGRADO CORAZÓN: El primer viernes de mes en la capilla de la iglesia a las de 6:00 p.m. Información: Loreto Casillas 281-494-1156 o Maricela Ponce 832-896-8289.

APARICIONES DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



Las apariciones de La Virgen de Guadalupe se llevaran a cabo hoy Domingo 9 de Diciembre a las 9:00 a.m. en el Centro Comunitario.

MAÑANITAS A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Miércoles, 12 de Diciembre del 2018



- ◆ 4:30 a.m. - **El Santo Rosario** en la iglesia
- ◆ 5:00 a.m. - **Las Mañanitas** con el Mariachi Imperial en la iglesia
- ◆ 5:30 a.m. - **La Santa Misa** con música de mariachi en la iglesia
- ◆ 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Mas música del mariachi y un **desayuno** en el Centro Comunitario.

Después del desayuno, por favor ayúdenos a limpiar.

Gracias por su cooperación.



¿ESTÁ DIOS LLAMÁNDOTE A HACER ALGO MÁS? ¡VEN Y EXPLORA LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA!

Si tienes 17 años de edad o más y no has sido bautizado, o has sido bautizado en otra comunidad de fe, o bautizado Católico pero que nunca has recibido la Primera Comunión, entonces RICA es para ti!

La próxima reunión de Iniciación será el **Domingo 9 de Diciembre del 2018** de 10:00 am a 12:00 pm en el salón B1/7. Estos encuentros informales están estructurados para responder a tus preguntas acerca de la Iglesia católica.

Póngase en contacto con:
Elsa Galindo al 713-534-7395
 (durante el día)
Alejandro González al
346-255-1163
 (después de las 4:00 pm.)

Si usted, su hijo o alguien a quien usted conoce, tiene entre 7 y 16 años de edad, no haya sido bautizado o ha sido bautizado en otra comunidad de fe, tenemos el proceso de RICA propio para cada grupo de diferentes edades. Las sesiones de Iniciación son todos los miércoles a las 6:30 pm. Por favor haga una cita en la oficina al teléfono 281-494-1156 para Registrar su Familia y los Niños antes de atender la primera sesión.

Papa Francisco: Que el Adviento no sea mundano, sino el tiempo para purificar la fe

Al celebrar la Misa matutina en la capilla de la Casa de Santa Marta, el Pontífice se refirió en su homilía al tiempo de Adviento como una ocasión para comprender plenamente el nacimiento de Jesús en Belén y para cultivar la relación personal con el Hijo de Dios



Barbara Castelli – Ciudad del Vaticano

El tiempo de Adviento tiene “tres dimensiones”: pasado, presente y futuro. En su homilía del primer lunes de diciembre el Papa Francisco recordó que este tiempo – que comenzó precisamente ayer, primer domingo de Adviento – es propicio “para purificar el espíritu, para hacer crecer la fe con esta purificación”. El punto de partida de la reflexión del Pontífice fue el Evangelio del día (Mt 8, 5-11), que narra el encuentro en Cafarnaúm entre Jesús y un centurión, que pide ayuda para su siervo, paralizado en la cama. Francisco precisó que puede suceder también hoy que nos acostumbremos a la fe, olvidando “su vivacidad”. En el sentido de que “cuando estamos acostumbrados – reafirmó – perdemos esa fuerza de la fe, esa novedad de la fe que siempre se renueva”.

Que la Navidad no sea mundana

El Papa Bergoglio subrayó que la primera dimensión del Adviento es el pasado, “la purificación de la memoria”. De ahí que haya afirmado: “Recordar bien que no ha nacido el árbol de Navidad”, que ciertamente es un lindo “signo”, pero recordar que “ha nacido Jesucristo”. Ha nacido el Señor, ha nacido el Redentor que ha venido a salvarnos. Sí, la fiesta... nosotros siempre corremos peligro, tendremos siempre en nosotros la tentación de mundanizar la Navidad, mundanizar la... cuando la fiesta deja de ser contemplación – una bella fiesta de familia con Jesús en el centro – y comienza a ser fiesta mundana: hacer las compras, los regalos y esto y aquello... y el Señor permanece allí, olvidado. También en nuestra vida: sí, ha nacido, en Belén, pero... Y el Adviento es para purificar la memoria de aquel tiempo pasado, de aquella dimensión.

Purificar la esperanza

Además, el Adviento sirve para “purificar la esperanza”, para prepararse “al encuentro definitivo con el Señor”. Porque aquel Señor que ha venido, ¡volverá! Y volverá para preguntarnos: “¿Cómo fue tu vida?”. Será un encuentro personal. Nosotros, el encuentro personal con el Señor, hoy, lo tendremos en la Eucaristía y no podemos tener un encuentro así, personal, con la Navidad de hace dos mil años: tenemos la memoria de aquello. Pero cuando Él vuelve, tendremos aquel encuentro personal. Es purificar la esperanza.

El Señor llama cada día a nuestro corazón

Por último, el Papa Francisco invitó a todos a cultivar la dimensión cotidiana de la fe, no obstante las preocupaciones y los tantos trabajos excesivos, custodiando la propia “casa interior”. Sí, porque en efecto, nuestro Dios, es el “Dios de las sorpresas” y los cristianos deberían vislumbrar cada día los signos del Padre Celestial, lo que nos dice hoy. Y la tercera dimensión es más cotidiana: purificar la vigilancia. Vigilancia y oración son dos palabras para el Adviento; porque el Señor que se ha encarnado en la Historia en Belén; vendrá, al final del mundo y también al final de la vida de cada uno de nosotros. Pero viene cada día, en cada momento, en nuestro corazón, con la inspiración del Espíritu Santo.



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

-THE GRIFFIN NEWS-

STCS ATHLETICS

Our Griffin Soccer Program completed a highly competitive 2018 season with six grades fielding three teams. Once again, the players represented STCS well with their athleticism, fairness in competition, and team sportsmanship. We are looking forward to next year as Team Griffin continues to make strides in the West Houston Christian Sports Association.



A very special note of gratitude to our coaches for their devotion to the teams:

Pre-K/Kinder Team:

Head Coach – Manuel Chapa
Assistants: Arturo Czerwiak, Kader Taho,
Aaron Valdiviezo

1st/2nd Grade Team

Head Coaches – Ivelisse & Mandeep Cheema

3rd-5th Grade Team

Head Coaches – Ivelisse & Mandeep Cheema



In celebration of our
10th Anniversary,
Saint Theresa Catholic
School Cookbooks
are now on sale!

Please contact the
School Office at
281-494-1157 to order.

*All proceeds go to the
Griffin Playground
Fund.*

UPCOMING SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Applications for new families are now available.

**For more information, please contact Betty Pruski
at 281-494-1157 or at
bpruski@sttheresacatholicschool.org**



Coming Soon:
2018 Advent Mission
with Fr. Alan Piper, O.P.

Monday, December 17 through
Wednesday, December 19

*6:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Mission Presentation*

Theme:

I say to you Watch



GIFT BEARERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES



Are you able to bring the gifts to the Altar on behalf of the assembly?

Special birthdays and anniversaries are a great time to serve the parish.

See the sign-up book located in the vestibule.

CELEBRATION *for*
OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE

Wednesday,
December 12, 2018



- ◆ 4:30 a.m.: **Rosary** (main church)
- ◆ 5:00 a.m.: **Serenade** (Las Mañanitas) to Our Lady with Mariachi Music
- ◆ 5:30 a.m.: **Mass** (main church)
- ◆ 6:30 – 8:30 a.m.: **Breakfast and** musical performances in the Community Center.

After the breakfast, your help in clean-up would be much appreciated!

Please join us!

FAITH FORMATION

ELEMENTARY

During the CCE school year (Sept.-May) classes are offered at the following times:

Preschool CCE is in rooms B3 – B5 during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Kindergarten CCE is available on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Elementary CCE is on Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Children are asked to go directly to the classrooms.

Sacrament Sunday is for all children in formation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Any questions can be directed to Paul Stoessel, Director of Elementary CCE, at paul@sugarlandcatholic.com or at 281-830-3804.

Catholic 101 is for all parents of first-year CCE children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. This is for parents only. Children are invited to attend CCE during this time.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Questions or comments, please contact Paul Stoessel, the director of Middle School CCE, at paul@sugarlandcatholic.com

Middle School Faith Formation meets on Tuesdays & Wednesdays (Sept.-May) at 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. in the Education Building/School

HIGH SCHOOL

Contact our Director of Youth Ministry and High School Faith Formation, Gabriel Castillo: Gabriel@sugarlandcatholic.com with any questions or if you'd like to get involved!



building disciples by loving God and others

SAINT THERESA YOUTH EVANGELIZATION

We are having an excellent time in Sunday Faith Formation!
 High School (Grades 9-12) Faith Formation Classes:
 Sundays at 2:45 p.m.

Confirmation classes are completely full.

For info or questions about youth Faith Formation, contact Claire Aalerud:
Claire@sugarlandcatholic.com



What is unique about the Catholic Church? Come and See.

If you are seventeen years of age or older and are: unbaptized, baptized in another faith community, or a baptized Catholic who has never received your First Holy Communion, then the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for you!

The next Inquiry Gathering will be Wednesday, **December 12, 2018** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. **You may begin the process at any time during the year.** *Free babysitting is available upon request.* Bring your spouse or friend, if you'd like. These informal gatherings are structured to answer your questions about the Catholic Church. The RCIA team is ready to walk your journey of faith with you.

Contact Lynda Knoche at 281-450-1400 or by e-mail: lynda@sugarlandcatholic.com.

If you, your child or someone you know is between the ages of seven and sixteen, not baptized or baptized in another faith community, we have an RCIA process suited to your age group. Inquiry sessions are every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Please schedule an appointment with Paul Stoessel via phone (281-494-1156) or e-mail (paul@sugarlandcatholic.com) prior to attending your first session.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 10, 2018

Weekday in Advent

6:45 a.m. ✕ Amanda Archibong
8:30 a.m. ✕ Ludvik & Pauline Krenek

Tuesday, December 11

St. Damasus

6:45 a.m. ✕ Frank & Annie Osina
8:30 a.m. ✕ Elaine Pettrash
5:30 p.m. ✕ Alejandro Sulit

Wednesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:45 a.m. ✕ Laura Davison
8:30 a.m. ✕ Bill Louviere

Thursday, December 13

St. Lucy

6:45 a.m. ✕ Anthony Nguyen
8:30 a.m. ✕ Silverio Treviño
5:30 p.m. Barbara Oviedo

Friday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

6:45 a.m. ✕ Maria Phan
8:30 a.m. ✕ Horace Tolosa

Saturday, December 15

Weekday in Advent

8:30 a.m. ✕ Joseph Varkey
5:00 p.m. ✕ Jill Cutway

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

6:30 a.m. ✕ Annette O'Shea
8:00 a.m. ✕ Bartolo Castellanos
10:00 a.m. ✕ Abigail Okonkwo
12:00 p.m. Parish Family
2:00 p.m. ✕ Maximiliano Arias &
Francisca Linares
5:00 p.m. ✕ Margarita & Juan Mora

One may request Mass intentions through our website or by visiting the parish office during regular business hours. Mass intentions are available two (2) months in advance only.

PARISH EVENTS

Monday, December 10

6:30 p.m. The King's Men, B1/7

Tuesday, December 11

6:45 p.m. CCE-Elementary, School Build.
6:45 p.m. CCE-Middle School, School Build.
7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Prayer, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Franciscanos de María, B4
7:00 p.m. Talleres de Oración y Vida, B9
7:00 p.m. Catholic 101, C.C.
7:00 p.m. Marriage Prep Seminar, FLC-A

Wednesday, December 12

6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, FLC-A
10:00 a.m. Mothers Play Group, B1, B2
4:30 p.m. CCE-Elementary, School Build.
6:45 p.m. CCE-Elementary, School Build.
6:45 p.m. CCE-Middle School, School Build.
6:45 p.m. Faith Formation/Oratory, FLC
7:00 p.m. RCIA, FLC-A
7:00 p.m. RICA, B1/7
7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Group, FLC-B
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 13

9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6
4:30 p.m. Flos Cantum (Children's choir)
6:00 p.m. Carmelites Meeting, B1/7
7:00 p.m. Encuentro Matrimonial, B6
7:00 p.m. Carismático de Renovación, Capilla
7:00 p.m. John Bible Study, FLC-Lounge
7:15 p.m. Ensayo Coro Fraternidad

Friday, December 14

6:30 p.m. Vespers & Vino, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Date night, C.C.

Saturday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry
9:00 a.m. Carmelites Meeting, FLC-A
9:15 a.m. Legion of Mary Meeting
9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6

Sunday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Spanish Bible Study, C.C.
9:30 a.m. Catequesis/Catecismo, Escuela
9:30 a.m. RCIA Catechumens, FLC
9:30 a.m. RICA para Niños
10:00 a.m. CCE-Pre-K, B3, B4, B5
10:00 a.m. RICA para Adultos, B1/7
2:45 p.m. Faith Formation/High School, C.C.
3:30 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal
3:30 p.m. String Orchestra Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Rosary Group, Emmaus Chapel

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

December 2, 2018	\$ 33,696
Online Giving	\$ 9,403
Total	\$ 43,099

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of December 2, 2018

Next Goal	\$ 5,000,000
Pledged	\$ 3,231,949
Payments	\$ 962,055

907 Participants

Current parish debt \$ 2,890,929

Amount still owed to
Archdiocesan Capital
Campaign (*IGNITE*) \$ 1,040,964

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2018

Totals as of December 2, 2018

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 146,838
Payments	\$ 139,095

417 Participants

ONLINE GIVING

The parish website has instructions on how to register for convenient on-line giving. You will have full control of your contribution account and scheduling. This option can be a great way to support the church more consistently and strengthen your commitment to charity.

If you would like to begin online giving, visit the link on our website or call Diane Senger: 281-494-1156.

www.SugarLandCatholic.com

**COLLEGE-AGE MEN AND WOMEN: YOU'RE INVITED
TO AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY**



Sunday, December 16, 2018
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to
Joseph Mastrangelo for details
Joseph@sugarlandcatholic.com



**DEACON FRANK CROMER
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**



Join the men of St. Theresa at the monthly
"Breakfast and Prayer before Business"

Wednesday, December 12
6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
Family Life Center, Room A.

Continental breakfast and sharing the
Word among friends. It's inspirational and
interesting. There's no need to call; simply
show up and bring a friend.



Domestic Church

For English Speaking Communities In the U.S.

Join us for one of our two informational sessions:
December 16th at 3:30 p.m. or December 28th at 7:00 p.m.
RSVP to Joseph Mastrangelo for more information and location:
Joseph@SugarLandCatholic.com

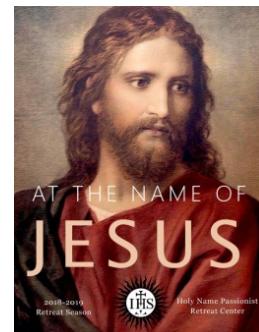


Domestic Church is the family branch of the Light-Life Movement founded in Poland by Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Franciszek Blachnicki (1921 -1987) with the guidance and support of his bishop, Karol Wojtyła (later Pope St. John Paul II).

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**"At the Name of Jesus"
*a Women's Retreat***



Join the ladies of Saint Theresa's for spiritual renewal at Holy Name Retreat Center the weekend of **February 22-24, 2019**.

The theme of the retreat will be:
"At the Name of Jesus"

For more information, contact Holy Name Retreat Center (713-464-0211), Carla Anderson at 337-849-4707, Gladys Zamora at 832-212-2251, or visit HolyNameRetreatCenter.com/Catholic-Retreat-Registration-Home/ for details and registration information.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**CHRISTMAS EVE
Monday, December 24**

5:00 p.m.
5:15 p.m. (Community Center)
7:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. *Misa de Noche Buena*

Midnight of Christmas

11:00 p.m. Office of Readings & Motets
12:00 Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY
Tuesday, December 25**

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. (español)
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. Noon
5:00 p.m.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

December 31, 2018
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

January 1, 2019
6:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. (español)

**SHARING SUNDAY CHRISTMAS
GIFT PROGRAM**

We encourage you to pull a tag from the Christmas tree and purchase a gift to share with those in need. The Christmas tree will be up from **November 30th** through **December 16th**. On Sharing Sunday (**December 15th & 16th**), we ask that you bring your UNWRAPPED gift to any of the Sunday Masses. Gifts will be brought up to the steps of the sanctuary when requested.

Ways to Help:

Sharing Sunday December 15th & 16th after each Mass
Help move gifts from the Church to the Community Center (trucks/vans welcome!)

Tag Replenish: *Help replenish purple tags on the tree after each Mass (baskets of tags will be nearby)*

Gift Distribution will be **December 17th - December 18th** from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Belinda Orsburn if you have any questions at 832-248-4995.

**SAINT THERESA
EVANGELIZATION & DISCIPLESHIP****Bible Study for Adults Continuing
with the Gospel of John**

Next Bible study will be December 13th

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Youth Lounge

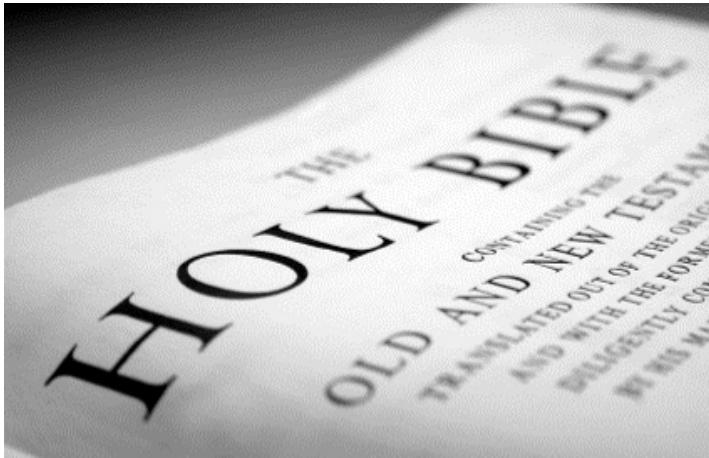
Light Refreshments will be available

Bring a Bible

(Catholic translation preferred - NAB, NJB, etc.)

Questions? Contact Joseph Mastrangelo
joseph@sugarlandcatholic.com
281-494-1156

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEEKLY READINGS

December 10, 2018 through December 16, 2018

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3: 10-18

Second Sunday of Advent: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

LECTURAS SEMANALES

10 de Diciembre del 2018 al 16 de Diciembre del 2018

Lunes:	Is 35:1-10; Lc 5:17-26
Martes:	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Miércoles:	Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-3 o Lc 1:39-47
Jueves:	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Viernes:	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado:	Eclo 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo:	Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18

Segundo Domingo de Adviento: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125); Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

PARISH REGISTRATION: We kindly request that all families of our parish be registered before registering for CCE or sacramental preparation classes. Registration and change forms are available in the vestibule of the church and in the parish office. To update your parish information, please call the parish office from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

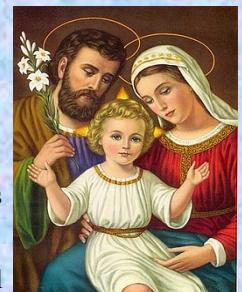
BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS: Parents are asked to register their child for Baptism, to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and to register for the pre-Baptism class. Parents and Godparents must attend the class. Godparents must be at least sixteen years of age, practicing Catholics, have received their Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, if married, married through the Catholic Church. Classes are offered the first Friday of every other month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Parents are kindly asked not to bring their children to the class. Certificates of attendance for the baptism preparation are provided at the end of the class for those who are not baptizing at St. Theresa Church. Please call the office to register for the class at 281-494-1156. **The next class will be on Friday, February 1, 2019.**

PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR: This pre-marriage seminar is to commence the marriage preparation for all couples who wish to be married within St. Theresa's Catholic community. It is held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 pm. It provides an opportunity for couples to learn about the Catholic Church's theology of matrimony and begin the process to properly receive this great sacrament of the Church. Couples will learn details of how to plan and prepare for their wedding day and matrimony thereafter. Please pre-register by calling 281-494-1156. The next seminar will be **Tuesday, December 11, 2018**. For more information please contact Deacon James Anderson at 281-224-9986.

PRAYER FOR MY FAMILY

Loving God, I offer thanks for the gift of my family. Help us to work together for peace and harmony in our relationships.

Grant us the grace to accept each other's faults and weaknesses. Protect us from harsh words and hurt feelings. Assist us to encourage one another's strengths and abilities. Lead us to mutual understanding and support.



May we always forgive each other's failings and rejoice in one another's successes.

Watch over my family, Dear Lord. Bless us with good health and happiness. Fill our hearts with love, patience and kindness for one another, now and always. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Come join us in celebrating

at Saint Theresa Catholic Church – Sugar Land

**A MASS in the FILIPINO tradition honoring the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY in anticipation of CHRISTMAS**

Saturday, December 22, 2018**7:00 PM Mass in the main church****RECEPTION in the COMMUNITY CENTER**

(immediately after Mass)

Festivities include the following highlights:

Caroling

Picture taking with Santa Claus**

A buffet of Filipino dishes, delicacies & desserts

(**bring your own camera)

Display of colorful “parols”*

Door prizes and Christmas giveaways

(*some possibly for sale)

Dance the night away!

EVERYONE WELCOME – FREE ADMISSION**Sponsored By:****The Holy Trinity Prayer Group & The Samahang Filipino @ St. Theresa****To help, for more details or to donate, please call:**

Rudy & Ninfa Alcantara (281) 265-1048 ~ Oliva Aurelio (281) 568-0451 ~ Rodrigo & Mercy Barrey (281) 491-8222 ~
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 ~ Glenn & Gladys Zamora (832) 212-2251

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Omnipotent and eternal God, the everlasting Salvation of those who believe, hear us on behalf of Thy sick servant, N., for whom we beg the aid of Thy loving mercy, that, with his bodily health restored, he may give thanks to Thee in Thy church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

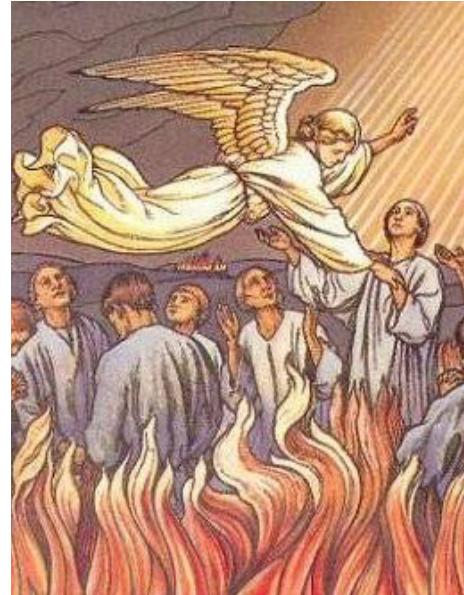
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Karen Cromer	Nigel Smith
Raul De Freitas	Ava Stone
Dennis Deruytter	Gary Sudela
Brittany Dodson	Baldemar Torres
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Edith Hartensteiner	
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Julia G. Moreno	
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Jun & Wilma Narvacan	
Rita Nauck	
Mildred Netardus	
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PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

We remember with gratitude, and pray for God's mercy upon:

Deacon Frank Cromer, Deacon Don Senger, Deacon Joaquin Garcia, Mary Camacho, Arturo Trujillo, John McDonald, Annette O'Shea, Carmen Luz Santiago, Julio Gonzalez, Emma G. Torres, Karen Lowery, Geralyn M. Blanchette, Chris Bordonaro, Ryan Sparkman, Richard O'Grady, Patricia Shannon, Helen DeRegil, Harry Richards, Robert Lee Byrd, Ulvio Lamar, Theodore Patrick Gahan, Jr., Silvino Martinez, Daniel Lee Garcia, Judy Lancaster, Paul Matocha, JoAnn Duncan, Hector Garza, Pablo Gurrola, Maria Avitia, Jean Toner, Mary Covarrubias, William Louviere, Linda Casey, Alice Hicks, Brandon Freeman, Mark Rychlik, Angel Marcucci, Ralph Leal, Teresinha B. Bittinger, Max Ybarra, Ramon Bondoc, Kitty Burney, Ann Guerrero



Teach me, O Lord, to do Thy will, for Thou art my God (Psalm 142:10).

-Indulgence. 500 days



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

“Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.”
(Luke 3:1-6)

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